

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**LOWELL SACHNOFF and**  
**ADAM R. CHISSL**, )  
On behalf of Guantánamo Bay prisoners )  
Walid Ibrahim Mustafa Abu Hijazi )  
and Maasoum Abdah Mouhammad, ) Case No. 07 C 6888  
Plaintiffs, ) Judge Der-Yeghiayan  
v. )  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF** )  
**DEFENSE**, )  
Defendant. )

**JOINT JURISDICTIONAL STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to this Court's Order, dated January 15, 2007, the parties hereby submit the following Joint Jurisdictional Status Report.

**I. Subject Matter Jurisdiction.**

This Court has federal question jurisdiction over this Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) action and these parties pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B) and 552(a)(6)(E)(iii). (Comp. ¶ 7.) This Court also has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-06 and 28 U.S.C. § 1331. (Id.)

**II. Venue (Plaintiff's Position)**

Venue lies in this district pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391. (Comp. ¶ 8.)

Dated: January 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Adam R. Chiss, state that on January 30, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing **Joint Jurisdictional Status Report** with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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